

Southern Colorado and is one of Pueblo's largest and most successful businesses.

In his spare time, Red spent innumerable hours as a Pueblo sports booster, helping to raise money for numerous youth sports programs. He was also responsible for co-founding the Old Timers Baseball Association. Through Mr. LeMaster's generosity of time and money, countless numbers of Pueblo boys and girls have been given the opportunity to play organized sports.

Mr. Speaker, it is with deep respect that I recognize the life and passing of Mr. Raymond Earl "Red" LeMaster before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to his son Clarence, his daughter-in-law Kay, and his four grandchildren. The contributions Red LeMaster made to the community of Pueblo through his good works, generosity, and friendly demeanor have touched the lives of countless individuals throughout the region and have contributed greatly to the betterment of the Pueblo, Colorado community.

JIM PAISLEY HONORED AS 2002
OUTSTANDING ITALIAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of the House of Representatives to the long record of service to his fellow citizens of James Paisley, former mayor of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, who will be honored as "Outstanding, Italian-American of the Year" at the October 13, 2002, banquet of the Sons of Italy Lodge 1043, members of the Columbus Club and UNICO.

Jim was born July 1, 1928, to John and Frances LaRocco Paisley. He is a lifelong resident of Hazleton, was educated in the public school systems and graduated with the class of 1946. Following his graduation, he worked as an apprentice mechanic for the Hazleton Ford dealership.

He entered the Army in November 1950 as a private with the 43rd Infantry Division and was discharged with the rank of sergeant first class on November 1, 1952. The 43rd Infantry served in Germany, with its primary function to patrol the border with the Communist nations in Europe during the Cold War.

After returning to the United States, he met and married the former Irene Bonomo in 1953. They are the parents of a daughter, Francine, owner and operator of Francine's Beauty Shop, Hazleton; a son, the Very Rev. James J. Paisley, pastor of St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin; and a daughter, Carmela, a clinical instructor at the School of Radiology, Greater Hazleton Health Alliance, Church Street Campus.

In 1954, Jim was appointed patrolman with the Hazleton Police Department. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1964, and then promoted to captain of detectives in 1969. He retained the position as captain until retirement in 1974. After retirement from the Police Department, he worked as a drapery installer for Bonomo Decorators from 1974 to 1978.

In 1978, he was elected mayor of Hazleton and served two four-year terms. He was ap-

pointed to the position of field investigator with the Pennsylvania Treasury Department, where he was responsible for the investigation of fraud cases in 12 counties through August 1989.

After passing the required state civil service examination in 1989, he was employed by the Hazleton Housing Authority as a project manager, and was promoted to administrative officer and grant coordinator in 1995 after successfully managing the Vine West Family Community. He was also named contacting officer for the authority. After 11 years of outstanding, exemplary and faithful execution of his duties, he was appointed in 1999 as executive director of the authority, in which capacity he continues to serve.

Jim is a member of the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church, where he serves as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and as a lector. He has also served two terms as president of the Hazleton UNICO club.

Mr. Speaker, for all these reasons, I am pleased to call to the attention of the House of Representatives the well-deserved honor being accorded to James Paisley, and I wish him all the best.

RECOGNITION OF THE DISABILITIES AWARENESS FAIR HELD IN WARREN, MICHIGAN

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the City of Warren's Commission on Disabilities as they host the Disabilities Awareness Fair, held in conjunction with National Disabilities Awareness Month this October.

This community-wide event will bring together a variety of service and support agencies in one location to provide information on services and programs available to the citizens of Warren.

The Commission on Disabilities for the City of Warren was established by the Mayor and City Council in February 2002. The Commission's purpose is to advise the city on compliance with federal and state regulations, and legal developments affecting persons with disabilities. The Commission will also review and recommend to the Mayor and the City Council development practices that will improve access to city services and facilities to persons with disabilities.

The impact of the work of the Commission has already been felt in Warren as they have addressed many accessibility concerns including curb cuts in sidewalks, handicapped parking and accessibility at the new Community Center.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending the Warren Disabilities Commission. There work is promoting better communication and greater understanding of persons with disabilities among, the community and city employees, officers, boards and commissions. Their efforts will improve the quality of life for those with disabilities and, in the process, strengthen the fabric of our community.

ON INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States Postmaster General should issue a postage stamp commemorating the victims of the Holocaust.

Many of the victims who survived the Holocaust have built their lives and raised their families in the United States. They have contributed significantly to American culture and society. They are examples of strength and steadfastness, and serve as an example for other Americans.

U.S. postage stamps have honored other well-respected and influential people, and I believe that the survivors of the Holocaust deserve recognition. I believe it is time that we honor them in this very unique way.

The stamp will also recognize those who perished in the Holocaust. I am hopeful that this stamp will encourage all Americans to remember this unspeakable action unparalleled in world history. I agree with the philosopher George Santayana, who wrote, "Those who do not remember the past are doomed to repeat it." The stamp will serve as another reminder to people why there is a need for tolerance, sensitivity, pluralism and democracy.

It is time we commemorate all of the millions of victims, those who survived and those who died. I encourage all my colleagues to co-sponsor this important resolution.

TRIBUTE TO THE POMONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S FOURTH GRADE CLASS

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm that I recognize the children of Heidi Nadiak's fourth grade class at Pomona Elementary School in Grand Junction, Colorado for the outstanding contributions they are making toward the advancement of environmental science. The Pomona fourth grade was one of ten classes around the country to be selected as part of a nationwide study that is using razorback suckerfish to monitor the health of the Colorado River.

The fish are raised by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and are part of a public outreach program providing Ms. Nadiak's fourth grade class with the opportunity to use scientific methods to conduct real life experiments. The fish will be living in an aquarium in the fourth grade classroom, and the students will make daily observations by measuring pH levels and monitoring the water temperature.

The Pomona students are studying the fish as part of a larger project to assess the current health of the Colorado River. The razorbacks once thrived in the Colorado River but became nearly extinct. By studying the fish and assisting in the effort to reintroduce them

into their natural habitat, the Pomona fourth graders are providing a huge service to the advancement of environmental science. For several years, I have worked in Congress in the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program, which seeks to ensure the recovery of the razorback, the pike minnow, and several other species of fish. It is a pleasure to see how this effort is being complimented by the efforts of Ms. Nadiak's fourth grade class.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize Pomona Elementary's fourth grade class before this body of Congress and this nation for the contributions they are making toward the preservation of our natural habitat. Coloradans are fully aware that our lands and waters are some of our state's most precious resources, and I am grateful that our tradition of scientifically supported environmental awareness is being passed down to such an intelligent and capable group of kids at Pomona Elementary.

TRIBUTE TO CANDACE HUNTER-WIEST, INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to her country and community is exceptional. The Inland Empire has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated business and community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give time and talent to make their communities a better place to live and work. Mrs. Candace Hunter-Wiest is one of these individuals and her exemplary leadership is being recognized at a dinner on Thursday, November 7, 2002 as she is honored as the 2002 Inland Empire Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen.

Candace's career path is as unique as it is exceptional. She was married at age 18 and was a proud mother of three by age 22. As the sole provider for her family, she began working in the restaurant business and later took a clerical support position with an independent insurance agency. She was quickly promoted to bookkeeper, then to office manager and soon became a licensed agent. Her career in banking began when she associated with an agency owned by a bank holding company that had been perpetually unprofitable. Under her excellent management, Candace turned a profit in ten months. She moved to Riverside in 1988 and her career with the Inland Empire National Bank (IENB) began. Under her superb leadership, IENB has become one of the best banks in the country and has been named a Super Premier Performing Bank.

Candace has been involved in numerous community organizations and she currently serves on the board of directors for the United Way of the Inland Valleys, the Community Foundation, the Mission Inn Foundation, and the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce—to name a few. She is also on the University of California, Riverside's Chancellor's Executive Roundtable and the A.

Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management Executive Forum.

In 1998 Candace was recognized as one of "Twelve Women Who Make A Difference in the Inland Empire" by the Inland Empire Magazine and the Business Press name Wiest "A Woman of Distinction." She has also been listed in the International Who's Who of Professionals in the Year 2000 edition of Who's Who and has been named an Athena recipient as a YWCA Woman of Achievement in 1995.

Candace's tireless work as a community leader has contributed immeasurably to the betterment of the Inland Empire. Her involvement in community organizations, especially the Inland Empire Council of Boy Scouts of America, make me proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I am grateful for her efforts and service and salute her as she is deservedly honored as the 2002 Inland Empire Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen. I look forward to continuing to work with her for the good of our community in the future.

TRIBUTE TO VIETNAM VETERANS

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, in these troubled times when we in Washington are debating war, it brings us back to another time when the nation was debating its responsibility to preserve freedom throughout the world. It's hard to believe it has been more than a quarter century since the Vietnam War. Time has not healed all of the wounds. But time has allowed us to come together on one unmistakable conclusion—the soldiers who answered America's call in the Vietnam War are heroes by any measure.

I have had a lot of respect for the military all my life. My father served in the Air Force, and I grew up benefitting from the examples of men and women willing to make any sacrifice for this country and the ideals for which it stands. That experience may be the reason I cannot help but be devoted to our veterans and our men and women who serve now, particularly those from Florida and those who have moved to Florida.

Florida has a growing population of Veterans including Vietnam Veterans and I have been concerned that the rapid influx of these vets has strained the resources allocated in our state to keeping the many promises that we have made to them. Due to that concern, I sponsored a measure that resulted in a funding allocation change for veterans' health care that has brought an additional \$385 million to Florida and southern Georgia since 1997 and enabled the opening of additional community-based outpatient VA medical clinics in the 5th District and the state.

These Veterans' benefits, however, are nothing more than the least our nation can and must do to thank those people who answered the nations' call to defend our freedom. The respect I and all of my colleagues—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—feel for those who have served this nation is particularly strong for those who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam conflict was America's longest war and the burden it placed on those

who answered the call to duty was immeasurable. Those who were there showed incredible physical courage. But they also showed incredible courage just to be part of America's armed forces at a time when people too often held our bravest men and women responsible for Washington's decisions which—whether right or wrong—they were sworn to execute to the best of their ability.

These men and women dealt with challenges that most of us cannot possibly contemplate. They could not sleep through a night because that's when the Viet Cong attacked. They could not get supplies because ambushes blew up convoys. There were no front lines to fortify. The enemy frequently was unseen. A booby trap could kill a soldier's buddies without him having any capacity to shoot back. The frustration, fear, physical and psychological wounds that these men and women endured must never be forgotten by the people and the nation that benefitted from their sacrifices. As Americans who are here today, we must acknowledge that we enjoy our lives and our freedom in part because 58,000 of our fellow countrymen laid down their lives for us.

Mr. Speaker, on October 18 through October 20, a 240-foot replica of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be exhibited at North/Meadowlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery in my Congressional District in New Port Richey, Florida. The replica is part of a traveling memorial called the Vietnam Wall Experience that is allowing millions who cannot come to Washington to experience some of the serene power of the memorial and reflect on the sacrifices that thousands of Americans made for us. Like the Washington memorial, the Vietnam Wall Experience is an interactive and living memorial. It contains the names of the 58,175 Americans who never came home from Vietnam. However, the wall becomes the best memorial to them when it reflects the image of a living person who is remembering, mourning, and thanking these American heroes.

I want to thank all of the people involved in bringing this tribute to our community, especially Joseph A. Magaddino, MacDill Air Force Base, the Florida National Guard, the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, Vietnam Veterans Inc., U.S. Postal Service Military Veterans, Pasco County Veterans Services, Suncoast Vietnam Veterans, Marine Corps League #567, Navy Seabees Island X-17, and all of the churches, schools, and scout groups that have contributed so much.

Of course, the greatest thanks goes to those who served our nation in Vietnam. We members of Congress have a special obligation to remember the service of Vietnam veterans and provide decent health care, prescription drug benefits, educational assistance, and survivor benefits for their families. We must make every effort to fight for them just as they fought for us.

U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, as we move toward the conclusion of the 107th Congress,